

Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor
Alex. H. Washburn

We Get a Look at

Red River Arsenal

Taxes in Texas

Your correspondent was the guest of the Texas Daily Newspaper Publishers association at its convention yesterday in Texarkana, which included the heads of papers in such cities as Dallas, Houston, Beaumont, Austin, and San Antonio.

We spent the afternoon touring the vast Red River Arsenal which lies west of Texarkana. It was my first look at that great concentration of war vehicles and weapons.

I saw 28,000 tanks and trucks, many of them RFI (Ready for Issue), and the rest of them being worked over in the great machine shops of the depot.

The arsenal has just terminated 1,200 employees, but there are still between 5,000 and 6,000 people working there — and they have a job to do of staggering dimensions.

I saw General Sherman tanks by the thousands — but the gun on every one of them is being changed. The World War II Sherman tank carried a 75-mm. gun. But it had an unhappy time with the Germans' Mark VI tank because the latter carried an 88-mm. gun. So now our tanks are being equipped with a 90-mm. gun — a long and slender rifle with fluted muzzle. It packs a winning wallop; but after 500 shots your tank commander comes back from the battle and gets a new cannon.

And there was one brand new weapon, but since the officer forbids pictures of it (although allowing everything else to be photographed by the Texarkana cameramen) I presume I shouldn't say anything about it in type.

Fascinating to all of us was the endless line of warehouses with their bins containing the innumerable parts which are required when you fight a war with mechanized equipment. The civilian chief outlined to us the inventory control system by which the Army keeps track of millions of items — how many of each, and just where they are.

We were the guests of Brig. Gen. Selby H. Frank, Commandant, who told us the arsenal is the largest in the United States and probably in the world — and I'll take his word for both statements.

You have to see it to understand the terrific impact on the visitor. And that we are keeping all that material — and maintaining it in fighting condition — tells exactly our precarious our diplomats and civil and military leaders think the peace still is.

It may be Big Texas to Texans, but they are bothered by the same little problems that plague Arkansas.

I note from yesterday's dispatches that the Texas legislature is moving toward new or higher taxes on such things as cigarettes, playing cards, liquor, beer, cosmetics, automobiles, oil production, natural gas, and sulphur.

Texas needs tax money for new and bigger mental hospitals and special schools — and while there is opposition to special taxes the legislature, as of Thursday night at least, was beating off opponents and moving toward enactment.

It's very sad about Utopia — somehow, it never lasts. Texas got along for years almost without special taxes, because Texas produces half the rich oil traffic of America. But population is growing faster than taxation — a situation which almost any legislature can remedy instantly.

Surplus Food Available to Needy Arkansans

Little Rock, Feb. 18 — (AP) — Surplus foodstuffs are available for needy Arkansans farm families but apparently aren't being distributed because of a government regulation.

That regulation stipulates that dried milk, eggs and potatoes must be repackaged in individual allotments by county authorities handling the distribution.

Singing Sunday at Garrett Memorial Church

A community singing will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Garrett Memorial Baptist church. Everyone is invited to come and bring their new books.

Margaret's Birthday

Coral Gables, Fla., Feb. 18 — (AP) — Margaret Truman paused long enough from her singing practice yesterday to observe her 26th birthday.

WEATHER FORECAST

Arkansas: Partly cloudy this afternoon. Fair and colder tonight and Sunday. Lowest temperatures 24 to 32 in the northwest and extreme north portion.

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"MERCY MURDER" TRIAL PRINCIPALS — At left, Judge Harold W. Westcott, who will preside at the trial of Dr. Herman N. Sanders, right, when the physician appears for the "mercy killing" of one of his patients who was doomed by cancer. At center is Dr. Sanders's wife, who has stood loyally by his side. (NEA Telephoto)

Committee Believes Sweet Potatoes Could Be Valuable Cash Crop for Hempstead

A local committee returned yesterday from Opelousas, Louisiana yesterday with glowing reports on raising and marketing sweet potatoes as a possible cash crop for Hempstead Farmers.

Making the trip yesterday were George Robison, Dorsey McRae Jr., Cecil Bittle and Judge H. M. Stephens. Here's what they found out according to Judge Stephens and Mr. McRae:

1-That sweet potatoes are the No. 1 cash crop of that section. 2-They are easier to grow than cotton. 3-They can be used in three ways, to can, dehydrate for stock feed, sell or feed raw. 4-That farmers can raise both potatoes and cotton without interference.

Louisiana farmers get \$1.75 per bushel for No. 1 potatoes and 40 cents bushel for No. 2. Asked why "seconds" weren't used for feed the local group was told there were plenty of lower grade potatoes to be used for that.

Asked why they didn't plant all the land in potatoes the Louisianaans replied they couldn't hand all the potatoes they could produce and besides both potatoes and cotton crops can be raised without interfering with each other.

The secret is marketing and to be good sellers the potatoes are graded, washed, waxed and wrapped in paper lined boxes. It was the opinion of the committee that land in Hempstead is more suitable to potato production due mainly to drainage.

It was also agreed that this "could be, if handled right, one of the most profitable money crops in Hempstead."

The next step planned by the committee is buying the right kind of slips and to contact other areas for more detailed information. Then the group will hold a series of meetings throughout the county.

'Stromboli' Not So Hot Critics Agree

Hollywood, Feb. 17 — (UP) — "Stromboli," starring Ingrid Bergman and a volcano, is about to go down in movie history as the most mis-publicized epic of all time.

They're calling it a sexy check-out.

It's not. "Stromboli" is prim and proper enough to take your own grandmother to. The only "hot" thing in it is the volcano.

The critics panned everything from the way the volcano erupted to "Rossellini's amateurish direction."

Variety, a movie trade paper, gave it a rave review three weeks ago. Their critic called it "an artistic triumph." Two days ago they did a fast about-face, saying Miss Bergman's tramping is the only thing that holds the rambling story together.

Rossellini's photography was okay, they said, but his picture "jacks a good story."

On the other side of the fence, RKO studios is going right ahead, ballyhooing "Stromboli" in mile-high letters: "Raging passions" filmed on a "raging island."

Nothing could be farther off base. Ingrid may have been kissed on Stromboli, all right, but it wasn't in front of a camera. Mario Vitale, her leading man, hardly ever holds her hand even.

The closest Roberto lets his girl friend get to "raging passions" is when she lures a lighthouse keeper into a cave by the seashore. Things start to get interesting there for a minute when Ingrid slips out of her shoes and plays "toesies" with the handsome muscle man. But that's where Rossellini calls for a fade-out.

The next thing you see is Ingrid combing sand out of her hair.

Passenger Gives Pilot Trouble

Washington, Feb. 18 — (AP) — A battered co-pilot who told of making fervent love to a hysterical blonde passenger in a wildly tossing airplane fretted today over how to explain to his wife.

The samll plane, which had started on a routine chartered flight from New York to Florida, made a wobbly emergency landing here yesterday after what co-pilot T. C. Saltee described as a hectic 15-minute struggle with the kicking, lunging woman.

Saltee said he had to kiss the tall, powerfully built blonde to quiet her. Fingering the scratches on his face, he added:

"These will have to be explained to my wife. I hope she understands."

The woman—identified as Miss Willie Jane Frost, 38, of Coral Gables, Fla., and Los Angeles — was the only passenger aboard. Immediately after the landing she was hurried to a hospital. Attendants refused to discuss her condition.

The 32-year-old Saltee, who flew on a round-the-world trip with the late Bill Odom, described yesterday's flight as "the worst in my career." This is the story Saltee related to newsmen:

The woman chartered the plane—which was piloted by K. H. Dubanovich—for a trip to Miami. Settled in the stat just behind the cockpit, she slept for most of the time until the plane was just past Washington.

Then, said Saltee, she suddenly awoke and began kicking the back of his seat.

"She reached around my neck and pulled me back," he said. "Then she started kissing me."

"Finally I managed to get into the rear seat and hold her down, but she kept kicking and struggling."

"She asked me if I loved her. Hoping to quiet her, I would say, 'madly.'"

"That seemed to quiet her for a while, but then she would start again. She was throwing herself all over the plane, trying to open windows, trying to grab the wheel, trying to open the door."

Dubanovich turned back toward Washington, sending ahead this message to National airport tower:

"Have malfunctioning passenger aboard. Have police and ambulances standing by. Am going to land."

"It was an anxious moment," said Saltee. He said he feared the struggling might throw the small Beechcraft plane out of control as it approached for a landing.

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Can't Balance Budget Says Sen. George

Washington, Feb. 18 — (AP)—Some Democrats disagreed today with President Truman's claim that it is impossible to cut federal spending enough to balance the budget.

Chairman George (D-Ga.) of the senate finance committee told a reporter he thinks that if congress wanted to balance income and outgo it could get the job done.

"The most distressing part of the present federal economic situation is the unwillingness to face facts and bring about a reduction in federal expenditures," George said. "I not only think we could balance the budget but that we must balance it."

Mr. Truman stated in a Jefferson-Jackson speech Thursday night that it is "out of the question" to make revenue meet expenses merely by slicing the \$42,439,000, 300 outlays the recommended for the year beginning July 1.

The President added that any talk about general tax cuts is just "rank political hypocrisy."

George, whose committee handles tax bills, said so far as he knows nobody is advocating a general tax reduction. But he added: "We have some road blocks in our tax laws that ought to come out. If these can be removed we will strengthen the economy and the treasury should gain, rather than lose, revenue."

Senator Byrd (D-Va.), a longtime economy advocate, sided with George in declaring that the budget could be balanced if congress was willing to take off its coat and do the job. Every year a number of lawmakers make known their intention of doing that, but this promise seldom bears fruit when the voting starts on annual money bills.

In a statement yesterday, Byrd attacked what he called the President's "embrace of chronic deficit spending."

The Virginia senator went further to assert that what Mr. Truman has labeled his "fair deal" program threatens to put the country on "a nonstop, high-speed highway to socialism."

Writing a Column Is Getting to Be Perilous — the Readers Nowadays Are Fighting Back

By HAL BOYLE

New York, — (AP)— Writing a column for the newspapers is getting to be downright perilous.

Our windy Mount Olympus is under siege. The readers are fighting back.

It used to be a columnist didn't know where his next chunk of copy was coming from. Now he doesn't know whence the next brick is going to be flung at him. But he feels sure there won't be hamburger tied to it.

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Meyer's Bakery May Be Moved to Texarkana

A report that Meyer's Bakery is in process of moving its local plant to Texarkana was confirmed this morning following a telephone call to Charles Meyer, owner of the establishments.

Through efforts of Frank McLarty, president of the Chamber of Commerce and C. A. Armitage, secretary, Mr. Meyer agreed today to delay any moving until after a meeting with local Chamber officials here Monday at 4 p.m.

Mr. Meyer's told the local group that due to increased competition from Arkansas and out-of-state firms it is necessary to combine the Hope plant with the one in Texarkana to cut down production cost.

Given assurance of full local cooperation Mr. Meyer's agreed to meet with the group to see if some plan couldn't be worked out to keep the bakery here.

Flood Appears Worse in the South

By The Associated Press

Flood dangers appeared growing more serious in the South and a blizzard whipped across some mid-west states today. The rest of the country had fair weather, with many areas reporting mild temperatures.

Rising floodwaters in three states threatened further evacuation of families to join the 35,000 persons already made homeless in the flood areas.

East Central Louisiana, Southwestern Mississippi and Arkansas are the hardest hit by the floodwaters which have spilled out over millions of acres of land.

An estimated 3,000 are homeless in Arkansas. Other hundreds along the lower St. Francis river are in danger of the overflows.

The backwaters of a half dozen streams, tributaries of the Mississippi, have forced some 8,000 to flee their homes in 12 parishes (counties) in Louisiana and five counties in Mississippi. The Red Cross estimated that from 6,000 to 8,000 more may be driven from the lowlands by March 1.

The 3,000 residents of Marksville, La., were warned that they may be isolated completely in a few days. Floodwaters also crept toward the outskirts of nearby Ferriday, which has a population of 3,500.

Rising waters of streams in Missouri have made 3,000 homeless and about 80 have been evacuated in Kentucky. Flood conditions in these two states have eased.

A blast of icy air from Canada was pushing southward into the north central part of the country. It spread over Eastern Montana, the Dakotas and Montana last night and was moving into Nebraska, Iowa and Wisconsin today.

29 Persons Known to Be Dead in Heaton Train Crash, 100 Are Injured

Court Action Likely Course in Coal Strike

By HAROLD W. WARD

Washington, Feb. 18 — (AP) — A grim "no progress" report from presidential observers at the soft coal negotiations heightened prospects today of White House court action to head off a fast-approaching national coal famine.

Apparently fearing that such action might include a request for a contempt citation against the United Mine Workers, Union Leader John L. Lewis issued an urgent new order to the miners late yesterday to get back to work "forthwith," as instructed by a federal court.

Federal Conciliation Director Cyrus Ching commented: "I don't think that message could be misunderstood by anybody." But the miners' reaction was cold.

Soft coal supplies were reported barely enough to last the nation ten more days.

President Truman's three-man board of inquiry which has been keeping a close eye on the negotiations between Lewis and the coal operators, was due to report to the White House with Ching this morning (10 a. m. EST).

Yesterday's negotiations lasted until almost midnight.

Ching and Board Chairman David L. Cole soberly told reporters afterward that little progress was made. Lewis' money demands were discussed thoroughly, Cole said, but there was "no agreement on anything." New talks were scheduled today (EST).

The union chief's sudden new plea to the 370,000 striking miners to get back on the job immediately "for the protection and welfare of our union" met with no comment from his top lieutenants in the field, but rank-and-file members had plenty to say.

Typical retorts went this way: "The miners are still madder than hell" and the Lewis order "won't do any good" without a new contract to replace the one which ran out last June 30.

That let even more clouded the question of who is responsible for the miners' defiance of today court order banning a strike.

Churchill Again Urges Big-3 Talks

London, Feb. 18 — (AP)— Winston Churchill, defying censure by his Laborite opponents in Britain's election campaign, repeated his plea last night for high level talks between the West and Russia on atomic bomb control.

Labor Prime Minister Clement Attlee promised to comment on the proposal in a political broadcast tonight.

The 75-year-old Tory leader reiterated his call for East-West atomic control talks — outside the United Nations — in a final broadcast to the nation allotted to his party over the British Broadcasting corporation.

Attlee, having finished a 1,200-mile tour of the country in his drive for re-election, is to make his Labor party's final broadcast tonight (4:15 p.m. EST) from the prime minister's country home at Chequers Court, 35 miles northwest of London.

Attacked by Laborite Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin for steps into the international ring in his Edinburgh, Scotland, speech last Tuesday, Churchill defended himself.

"It is only by the agreement of the greatest powers," Churchill declared, "that security can be given to ordinary folk against the annihilating war with atomic or hydrogen bombs or bacteriological horrors."

He angrily rejected Bevin's accusation that his suggestion was a "political stunt."

"By this," Churchill growled, "he (Bevin) only showed how far his mind dwells below the true level of events."

Bevin — like United States officials — has taken the line that the place to negotiate atomic control is in the United Nations, or through normal diplomatic channels.

In reply to this, Churchill commented that "the United Nations cannot function while it is rent asunder by the conflicting forces of the two worlds which are ranged against each other."

Rockville Centre, N. Y., Feb. 18 — (AP)—A crowded Long Island railroad train slipped past a red light in a makeshift siding last night and knifed into an oncoming train. More than a score of persons died.

Over 100 other persons were injured as both trains — carrying approximately 1,000 persons — were ripped in half lengthwise.

Twenty-nine persons were known dead.

Other bodies were believed crammed in the wreckage.

Signalman Charles Sublacki was taken to police headquarters for questioning. He was on duty at the time of the accident.

Screaming victims were mashed beneath tons of twisted metal as the trains came together with a crash heard for half a mile.

Doctors hacked and saved off arms and legs to free some of the injured.

"An eastbound electric passenger train ran by a stop signal," was the official explanation of the Long Island railroad for what was believed to be the worst accident in its 116 years.

It was the nation's worst train wreck since 45 persons died April 25, 1946, at Naperville, Ill.

Thousands of awed but curious spectators flocked to the scene while the desperate cries of trapped victims still echoed in the night air.

An estimated 1,000 passengers were on the two trains when they collided at 10:38 p. m. (EST).

Rockville Centre, a community of about 20,000, is 20 miles east of Manhattan island on the south shore of Long Island in Nassau county.

The accident occurred on a makeshift section of track during a months-long grade separation construction job.

Every available doctor in the area was called to the scene. More than 50 responded and relayed the injured into nearly a score of ambulances for transfer to hospitals in and around Rockville Centre.

One doctor cut off a man's mangled arm to get him out of the derbris.

Another sawed off both legs of a trapped Negro passenger.

Many of the victims screamed and prayed — in pain and fright. Others lay dead, twisted like rag dolls, their bodies broken in the split-second impact of grinding steel.

"Kill me, please kill me," one man pleaded to rescuers.

Another woman, tons of metal crushing her chest, screamed: "Get the weight off me."

A white-faced, heart-sick rescue worker looked up at newsmen and gritted through clenched teeth:

"We're not taking out bodies, we're taking out parts of bodies."

Floodlights played on the wreckage as rescue workers used acetylene torches, axes and crowbars to pry into twisted coaches of the two 10-car electric trains.

Finally, railroad wreckers bulldozed their way in to jork apart the lead coaches so the hunt for bodies could go on.

A little white stucco Negro church stood a few feet from the scene. First bodies recovered were laid on its lawn.

Then the pitiful row of corpses began to grow. So the interior of the church was converted into a morgue and the remains moved inside.

Normally, the Long Island operated a two-track line through Rockville Centre for its trains between New York and Baylton, L. I.

But for months, a grade separation project has been underway to elevate the tracks through Rockville Centre. So trains have been operating on a temporary one-track line.

Phone Workers to Strike Next Friday

Washington, Feb. 18 — (AP)— CIO telephone workers said they will strike as scheduled next Friday unless their new 15-cent-an-hour wage demand prompts company negotiators to "get down to business."

Company officials looked over the new proposal and said: "We don't see how they justify it."

Joseph E. Veitne, president of the Communications Workers of America, said last night that orders to lay the contract demand before telephone management had been sent to all 25 of the union's negotiating divisions.

"The next move is up to the company," Veitne's statement said, adding: "If company negotiators will get down to business, we may yet be able to reach mutually satisfactory agreement and avert the strike x x x if they don't there'll be a strike for sure."

American Pleads Guilty Say Hungarians



TELEPHONE OFFICIAL OF TRIAL IN BUDAPEST — Robert A. Vogler, 39-year-old assistant vice president of the national Telephone and Telegraph Co., is on trial in Budapest on charges of espionage and sabotage. A prominent American attorney, Morris Ernst, is attempting to represent Vogler in Budapest to represent Vogler. Little has been heard of communications officials since his arrest on November 16 last year. (NEA Telephoto)

Budapest, Hungary, Feb. 18 — American Businessman Robert A. Vogler pleaded guilty to charges today and said that as American agent he had been instructed to help atom project escape from Hungary.

Calmly confessing to all charges in the indictment against him, the 38-year-old telephone company executive asked a Hungarian court for "a mild sentence."

He said he used his position as assistant vice president of the national Telephone company as a "cover for my espionage work."

Vogler's unemotional plea, which opened the second day of trial in which he and six other — a Britan and five Hungarians — are accused of espionage and sabotage.

Vogler, who has been in T. E. representative in Europe since 1945, declared he had been an army intelligence officer since 1941. As an electrical and mechanical engineer, he said, "espionage in the technical field is my specialty."

He testified that he had been instructed by U.S. army intelligence officers in Vienna to dig up information about rocket production, rockets, uranium and deposits in Hungary and to get in touch with atom physicists to help them escape.

He was on the stand for 10 hours during the morning. He answered questions rapidly, with no signs of weakness or emotion. Recalled to the stand the afternoon, he declared:

"I am sorry for the damage I did. I committed against my country and I ask for a mild sentence."

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SOCIETY

Phone 1268 or 1269 Between 8 A. M. and 4 P. M.

February 16
Bible class of the
First Baptist church will
meet at 10:30 a. m. on
Monday morning by W. S.
C. members are urged to
attend.

February 20
The auxiliary will meet
at 7:30 p. m. on Monday
at the First Baptist church.

February 21
The Council will meet
at 7:30 p. m. on Monday at the First Baptist church.

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the church will meet
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February 21
The music club will meet
at 7:30 p. m. at the home
of John D. Barlow with Mrs.
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Tax Break
for Married
Couples

(Editor's note: This is the
sixth of 12 stories explaining
who must do what and how
about 1949 income tax return.)

By JAMES MARLOW

Washington, Feb. 18 — (AP) — If
you're married, remember the
present law gives married couples
a break on their 1949 income tax.
It allows them — but only if
they file a joint return — to split
their income, each claiming half
of it, even though one of them had
no income at all.

This split throws each half of
the income into a lower tax bracket
than the total income would
have been in if it had been left
unsplit.

Never in any case will married
couples lose money by filing a
joint return when one of them had
no income. In most cases it will
save them money, and

In most cases, where both had
income, they will save money by
filing a joint return. Nevertheless,
you can suit yourself whether you
file separately or jointly.

Remember: If your wife had no
income and was not a dependent
on some other taxpayer, you get a
\$600 exemption for her on your
return, whether or not she files
jointly with you.

Of course, a wife with no income
doesn't have to file anything. But
it would be absurd for a wife with
no income to fail to file jointly
with her husband, since unless
both filed they couldn't split the
income.

But—and this is extremely im-
portant — if your wife had income,
no matter how tiny, you can not
get that \$600 exemption for her
unless she files jointly with you.

If she had income that was less
than \$600, she doesn't have to file
a return at all, since no one with
less than \$600 is compelled to file
a return. However, she ought to file
a joint return with her husband so
he can use her exemption. If she
doesn't, she will throw away part
of her exemption — the difference
between her income and \$600.

If her income was \$600 or more
and she files a separate return,
then she claims her own \$600 ex-
emption, the same \$600 exemption
allowed to everyone who file a re-
turn.

This means, then, that she is
getting \$600 exemption for her-
self on her return, you can claim
only your own \$600 exemption
on your return.

If both of you had income — or
one didn't have any — and you
file a joint return, then each of
you on that joint return gets a \$600
exemption, or a total of \$1,200 in
exemptions.

Remember: In all cases where
husband and wife file a joint return
both must sign it.

If you were married as late in
1949 as Dec. 31 you can file a joint
return on your income for all of
1949, thus getting the benefit of the
lower split income tax on married
couples.

Couples divorced or legally sepa-
rated any time in 1949 — even as
late as Dec. 31 — must file sepa-
rate returns for the year. Each
then gets one exemption, his own.
And—

Even if a husband paid all the
support of a divorced or legally
separated wife he can't get an ex-
emption for her.

What of husbands and wives liv-
ing apart by Dec. 31, 1949, but
not divorced or legally separated
during that year? They can file a
joint return.

But if you're puzzled about this
question — "can I deduct for all
money?" — The answer is yes if
it is paid under a court order and
is paid in regular installments.

If your wife or husband died
during the year, you are consid-
ered married for the whole year.
There's no even though your part-
ner is dead, you can file a joint re-
turn, getting the benefit of the
full exemptions and the split in-
come to lower your tax.

New York, Feb. 17 — (AP) — Times
Square's fairytale of lights will
blink out Sunday as a result of the
coal mine strike.

A statewide "brownout" of elec-
tric advertising displays will follow
rationing of dwindling coal sup-
plies under priorities, put into ef-
fect last night.

A cutoff for the Arkansas river
below Morrilton, Ark.

The \$57,420 big Yancey B. Turner
of Pine Bluff submitted on the
project was more than two-thirds
less than the government's esti-
mate.

A spokesman for the Little Rock
district engineers said Turner's
submission was the low bid for the
project.

Second low was S. E. Evans Con-
struction Co., of Fort Smith, with
\$85,175. Others included:

S. J. Cohen, Blytheville, \$185,350;
W. A. Lynn Construction Co., Lin-
coln, Neb., \$205,500, and Central
Engineering and Contract Co. St.
Louis, \$218,250.

The government's estimate on
the job was \$184,250.

The project is the first of two
planned to eliminate dangerous
curves in the winding Arkansas
river.

The General Electric Co., of Lit-
tle Rock, was the apparent low bid-
der to provide transformers for
Norfolk dam in north Arkansas
The bid was \$1,255.

Fayetteville, Feb. 17 — (AP) — Robert
McCord, North Little Rock, will
be editor of the Arkansas Traveler,
University of Arkansas student
newspaper, next year, Miss Pat-
ricia Pierce, Cherry Valley, will
edit the 1950-51 Razorback student
yearbook.



"FORGIVE ME, PAL"—This picture, entitled "Please Forgive Me," occupies a top spot in the international nature photography exhibit in Chicago. It was contributed by Isabelle de F. Hunt of Philadelphia.

A Big-Three Meet Might Be
Interpreted by Russia as
an Appeasement MoveBy DeWitt MacKENZIE
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

That hardy perennial — the calls
for a meeting of Russia, Britain
and America in the interests of
peace — is again in bloom and is
being viewed with mixed emotions.

None other than Britain's Win-
ston Churchill raised this question
during a speech in his general
election campaign. He suggested
a big three meeting on the "high-
est level" to try for agreement on
atomic control and a truce in the
East-West cold war.

Hard hitting British Foreign Sec-
retary Ernest Bevin promptly
dubbed Churchill's proposal a po-
litical "stunt," and said agree-
ment should be pursued through
the atomic committee of the
United Nations. Apropos of Bevin's
charge, observers noted that if
Churchill's Conservative party
should be returned to power he
would in natural course be prime
minister again. As head of gov-
ernment he would be in position
to initiate such a parley, and this
thought might attract votes now.

However, others besides Church-
ill are advocating action. News-
papers on both sides of the Atlantic
are editorializing vigorously pro and
con.

President Truman at his news
conference yesterday threw cold
water on the idea of a Big Three
meeting abroad. He reiterated
that he doesn't intend to go out-
side the United States to meet
with Stalin or any other chief of
state.

Replying to a question whether
he thought the time had come to
see Stalin, the President said he
did not.

However, the President said he
would be glad to see anyone who
wants to come to Washington to
consult him. He declared the
American door is always open to
international negotiation for con-
trol of atomic weapons and he
hinted that he still had in mind a

possible special peace mission to
Russia at some future time.

Only last week Secretary of State
Acheson, in a sensational pro-
nouncement of foreign policy, re-
jected all suggestions for new
American peace appeals to Rus-
sia. Instead he based U. S. anti-
Communist strategy squarely on a
policy of power.

Moscow has given no sign that
it desires to call off its cold war.
On the contrary the evidence indi-
cates that the Soviet Union is going
all out in its drive to spread com-
munism. And what else can we
expect, with Russia holding her
gains in Eastern Europe and mak-
ing sweeping advances in the Asi-
atic theatre?

Presumably Marshal Stalin
would receive a peace mission
courteously in Moscow and would
enter discussions with it. But there
is no reason to believe that such
a conference would achieve peace.

On the contrary, many close ob-
servers believe that Russia would
interpret such a move by the
Western powers as an act of ap-
peasement.

Only Tree-Snagged
Parachutes Clue
to Missing Airmen

McCord Air Force Base, Ta-
coma, Wash., Feb. 17 — (AP) —
Two tree-snagged parachutes and tracks
in the snow turned the search for
five missing airmen today to the
west side of Princess Royal Is-
land.

They alone were unaccounted for
of the 17 men who plunged from
an ice-coated, blazing B-36 bom-
ber off the northern British Colum-
bia coast last Monday night.

Eleven men have been brought
here and a twelfth was to be flown
out today.

A coast guard spokesman at
Ketchikan, Alaska, said the tracks
led down a small stream toward
the west side of the island.

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Byrd Issues
Challenge
to Truman

Washington, Feb. 17 — (AP) — Sen-
ator Byrd (D-Va.) said today Pres-
ident Truman is traveling "a non-
stop, high-speed highway to social-
ism" with his "fair deal" propos-
als.

Byrd voiced the first Democrat-
Jefferson-Jackson dinner speech
last night as Republicans chal-
lenged the President to take the
issue of socialism to the polls in
November.

The President told a glittering
gathering of 5,300 party faithful
last night that the Republicans
had "insulted the intelligence" of
the American people by proclaim-
ing that the campaign issue is
"liberty versus socialism." He
said, his program is not socialist.

The Republicans, he said, are
croaking about socialism to hide
their own "negative inaction."

In a statement, Byrd said the
President was adding insult "to
the injury already done our intel-
lect by Truman proposals and prop-
aganda."

The Virginia senator, who has
opposed the President's spending
program, said the country will be
"irrevocably committed to social-
ism" if three administration pro-
posals are adopted by congress.

He listed these as (1) the "so-
cialized medicine" of the Presi-
dent's compulsory health insur-
ance plan; (2) the "socialized
agriculture" of the Grannah farm
subsidy payment plan and (3) the
"extension of socialized housing."

Add these to the President's
public embrace of chronic deficit
spending and you have a monster,
high-speed highway to socialism,
with out without an insulted intel-
ligence," Byrd declared.

Of course, it will be a terrible
surprise and shock to the father
to find out that his beloved chil-
dren are regarded as a fatal
handicap to him. It never enters
his dear dumb head that the more
a woman loves her husband, the
more she is apt to resent the first
wife, who had his youth and ro-
mance and all pertaining to her,
and that there are no sirens
whom she is so passionately jeal-
ous as she is of his children. Ev-
ery display of affection that he
makes to them, all the little pet-
ting that would be so precious to
her if shown to her own children,
tear her heart to tatters when they
are lavished on the children of
the first wife.

Of course, there are some wom-
en whose arms ache for chil-
dren, who can take their hus-
band's children to their breasts
and love them as if they were
their own. There are big and gen-
erous-hearted women who can be
fair and just if she is of a pos-
sitive nature, it is a dangerous
experiment to bring the stepchild-
ren to live with her.

It is not to be denied that the
lot of the stepmother is a difficult
one. Taking it by and large, it is
the hardest and the most thank-
less job on earth, and one won-
ders why any woman ever has
the courage to undertake it.

All that their own mother has
to put up with in children, all the
sacrifices their own mother has to
make for them, all the work she
has to do in making them com-
fortable and creating a happy
home, the stepmother has to do.

But there is this great difference:
The own mother's love is a ma-
gic that makes her children's noise
music to her ears, that turns ev-
ery sacrifice into a pleasure, and
makes labor a job because it is
done for those she cares for more
than she does for herself. But the
stepmother has no such affection.

Her self-denials, her toils, are just
blood offerings laid on the altar
to glid her labor and sacrifices.
of duty.

Children Unappreciative

And if very few children ever
show any perception of what
their parents do for them or ex-
press any gratitude, still less are
stepchildren appreciative of their
stepmothers. As a general thing
they resent her and regard her
best efforts in their behalf as un-
warranted meddling in their af-
fairs. The discipline they will ac-
cept from their own mother they
will not take from a stepmother,
and this makes more difficult the
task of the woman who is trying
to guide aright her husband's
children and be a mother to
them.

If there are cruel stepmothers,
there are also demon stepchildren,
but the stepmother should always
bear in mind the fact that her
lot is of her own choosing. She
knew what she was doing when
she married a widower with chil-
dren. She deliberately elected
herself to the position of mother
to them and she is, of all wom-
en, the most damned if she fails
in doing her best to take their
mother's place to them.

Oh, it is a hard job being
stepmother. Hard for her and hard
for the children, and a woman
should search her own soul be-
fore she undertakes it.

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ALICE gave her a sharp look.
She had the uneasy feeling
that Muriel had been about to add
something else and changed her
mind at the last second.

Instead, she waited for Alice to
seat herself on the divan and then
Muriel sat down beside her. Mu-
riel fairly beamed. She was anx-
ious to tell Alice something that
she thought Alice wanted to hear.

Muriel said: "Hold your hat,
Alice! You've got yourself a job
in California, if you want it."

"I?" Alice jumped. "California?"

"You. California. Oh, Alice!"
Muriel kicked up her heels wildly
like a boyden. "I've hit the jack-
pot. Pat and I had company yes-
terday. A very charming man
named Alec Crowther. Does that
ring any bells?"

Alice nodded. "Isn't he some
terrible Hollywood person?"

"Just about the biggest of the
big brass in Ganz-Phenix Pic-
tures. Smack me down, Alice, if I
start sounding big-headed. But,
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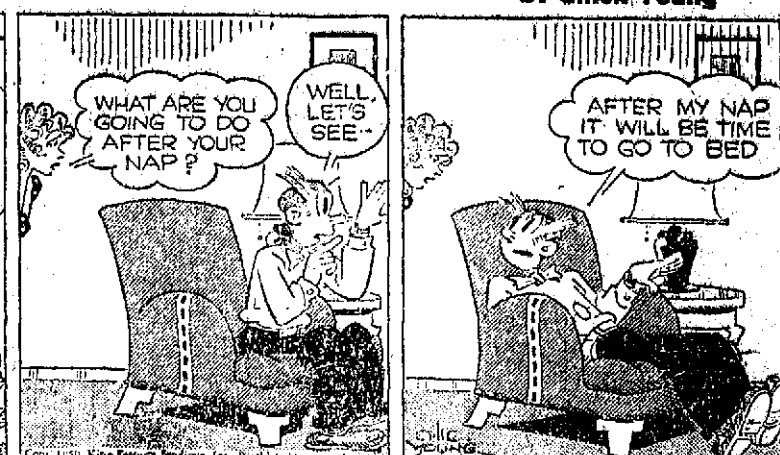
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DOROTHY DIX
Stepmother

A woman is going to marry a
widower with two adolescent chil-
dren who have been living with
their grandmother since their mo-
ther's death. The father is particu-
larly devoted to the elder of the
children, who is a beautiful and
attractive young girl of 16, and
the prospective stepmother, frank-
ly admits that she is consumed
with jealousy of her and wants
to know

OZARK IKE



By J. R. Williams

QUEER TRACKS, CURLY--TWO
RIDERS, BUT I
CAN'T FIGURE
WHAT THEY
WERE
DOING!

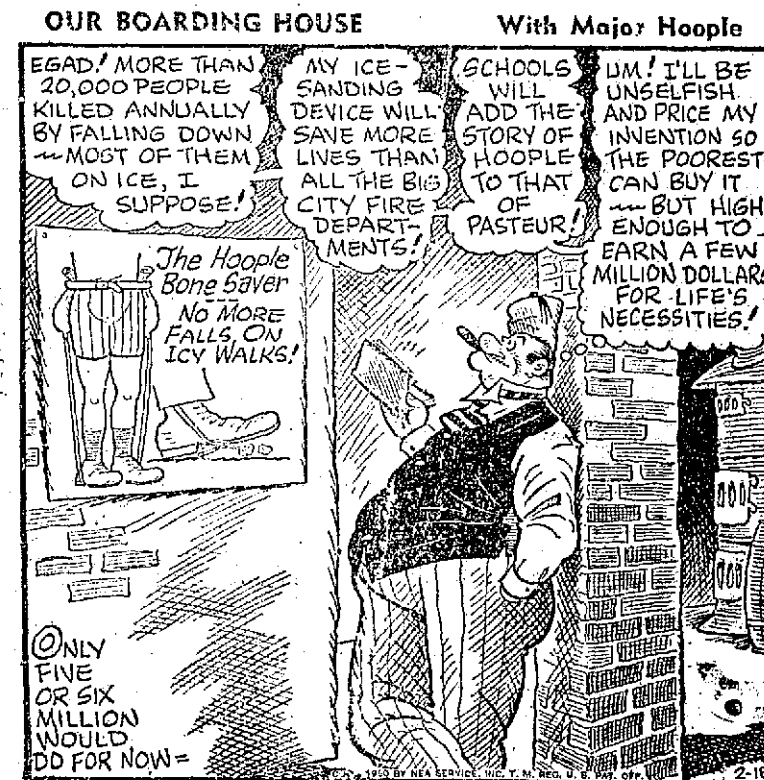
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HAVIN' AN ARGUMENT-- TH'
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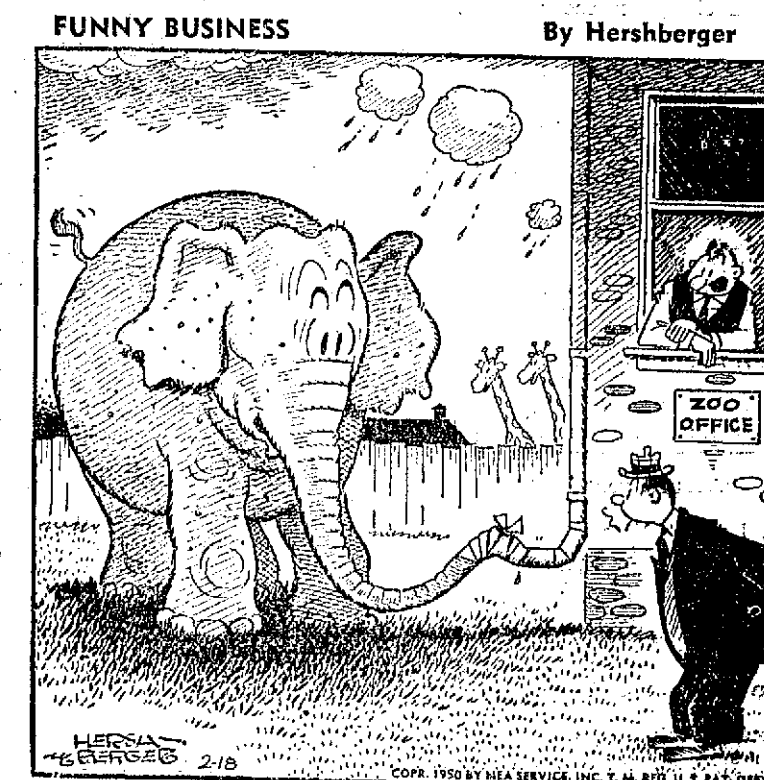
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FORWARDED BY MAIL AT SPECIAL RATE

By Dick Turner



by Golbraith



"The keeper is conserving our water supply—he ties up
Susie like this whenever it looks like rain!"

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

By Blosser

SWELL PART, WASN'T IT!

DON'T FORGET, WE STILL GOTTA RESCUE MY JALOPY FROM THAT SNOWDRIFT!

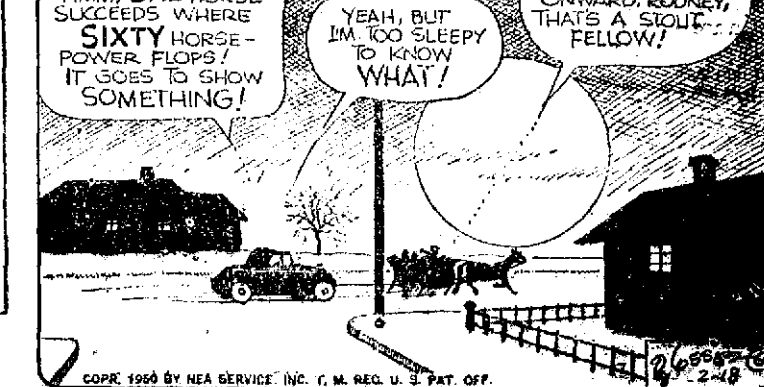
HAS THE NAG GOT ENOUGH MOXIE TO PULL HER OUT, LIVERMORE?

I AM SANGUINE CONCERNING RODNEY'S MUSCULAR ADEQUACY, SIR!

By Blosser



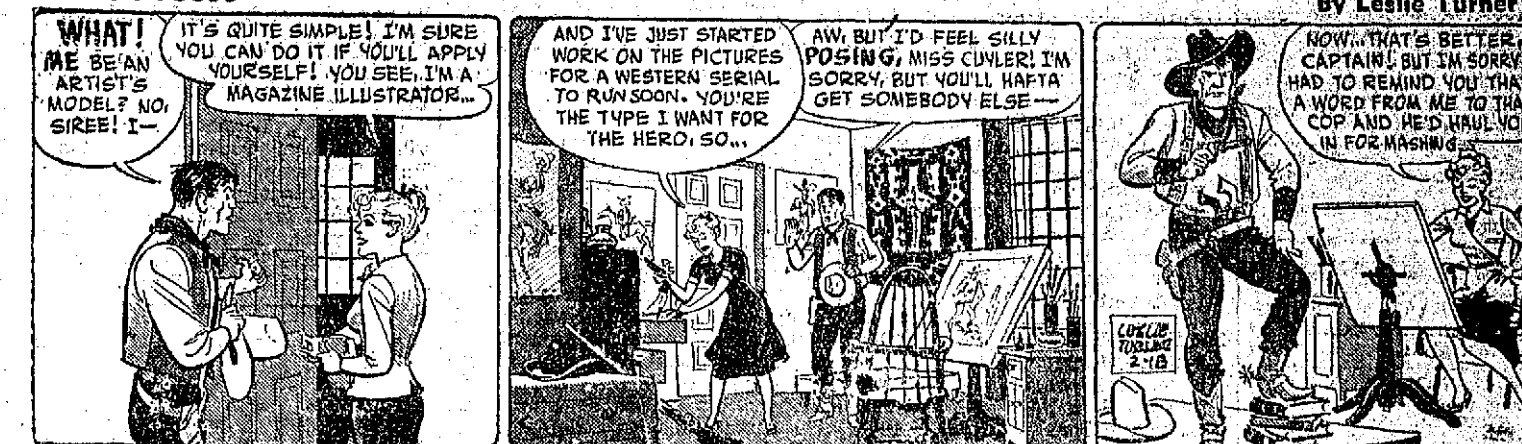
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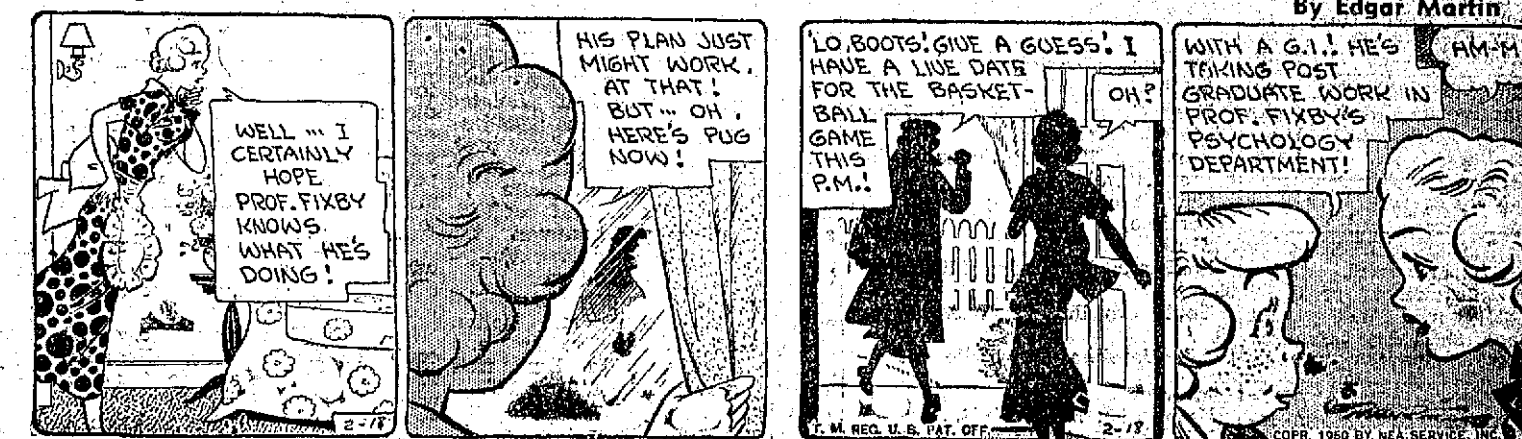
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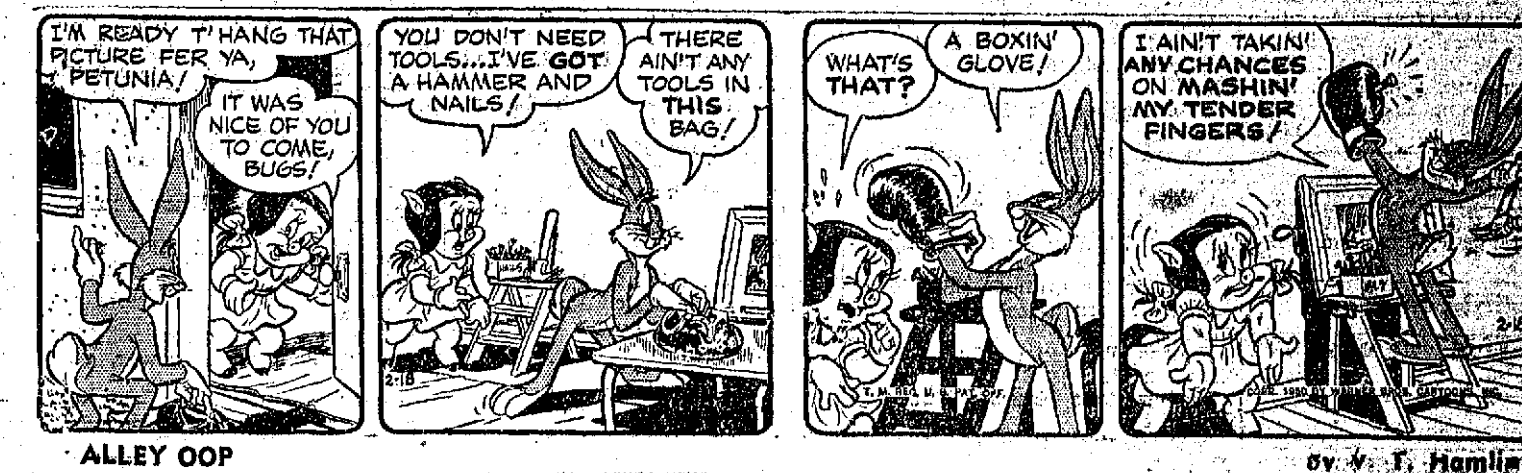
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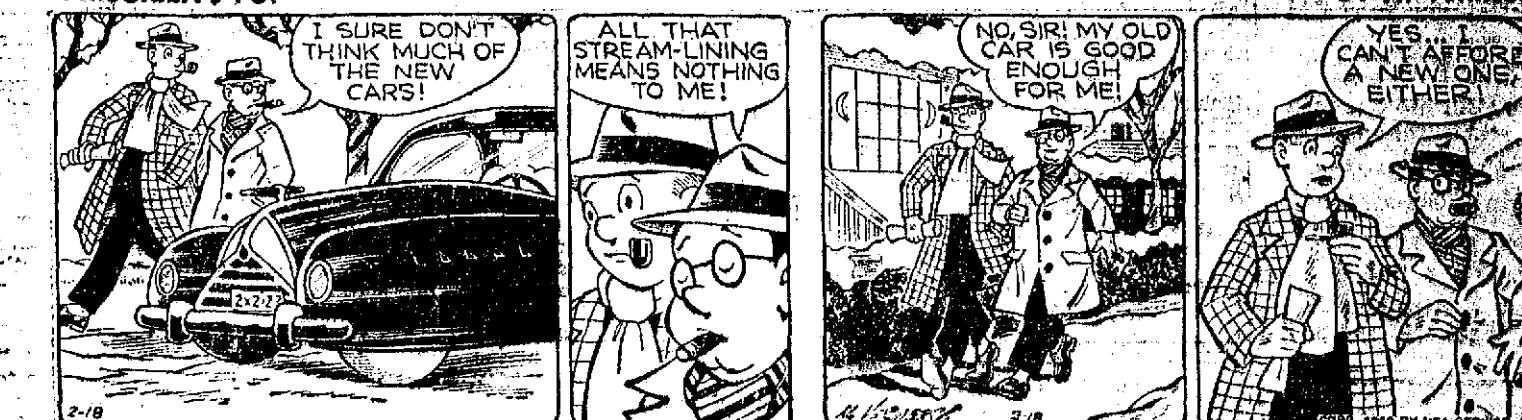
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